

APPENDIX A. SEPTEMBER 10, 2002, PUBLIC HEARING HANDOUTS



Olive Avenue Overpass at 75th Avenue and Grand Avenue (US 60) Design Concept Study and Environmental Assessment

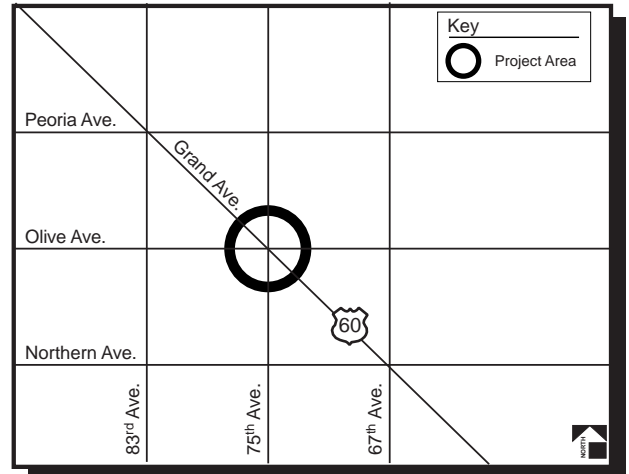


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Project Overview

Grand Avenue has undergone a series of studies over the past two decades. These studies have identified and examined a number of alternatives that ranged from eliminating Grand Avenue (US 60) to building a freeway along Grand Avenue. In September 1999, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) completed a Major Investment Study (MIS). The MIS recommended alternating grade-separations at eight intersection locations along Grand Avenue in order to eliminate one leg of the existing six-legged intersections. Each of these eight projects are being carried through the preliminary design and environmental evaluation process.



Project Area

Purpose of Hearing

This is the public hearing for the Olive Avenue Overpass at 75th Avenue and Grand Avenue intersection project. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the identified preferred roadway alternative and the Environmental Assessment (EA).

Olive Avenue/ 75th Avenue Location

ADOT is proposing to realign Olive Avenue as a grade-separated overpass, passing over 75th Avenue, Grand Avenue, and the railroad. Construction of the Olive Avenue grade-separation to eliminate the six-legged intersection would lessen the traffic congestion at the resulting intersection. The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EA is illustrated on the reverse side of this page.

The proposed project would require the full or partial acquisitions of four privately-owned parcels. Service roads would be constructed to allow traffic to travel between Olive Avenue, 75th Avenue, and Grand Avenue. The preferred alternative would require motorists to travel new routes to make turns that they currently make at the six-legged

Olive Avenue, 75th Avenue, and Grand Avenue intersection.

In the preferred alternative, Olive Avenue would be constructed as a grade-separated overpass south of the existing Olive Avenue centerline. The existing northwest-bound Grand Avenue Railroad underpass would be modified. Access to adjoining properties would be provided from one-way and two-way connector roads. Travel between Olive Avenue, 75th Avenue, and Grand Avenue would be facilitating these connector roads. To facilitate travel movements restricted by the Olive Avenue overpass, Golden Lane would be extended from 77th Avenue to 75th Avenue. This extension would provide a two-way connector between Olive Avenue and the 75th Avenue/Grand Avenue intersection. 71st Avenue would also be reconfigured at its intersection with Grand Avenue, creating a "T" intersection. Additionally, Grand Avenue would be widened to three lanes in both travel directions northwest of the 75th Avenue/Grand Avenue intersection.

The construction cost is estimated to be \$13 million. ADOT has programmed funds and expects to begin construction in summer 2003. The proposed project would be open to traffic in 2005.

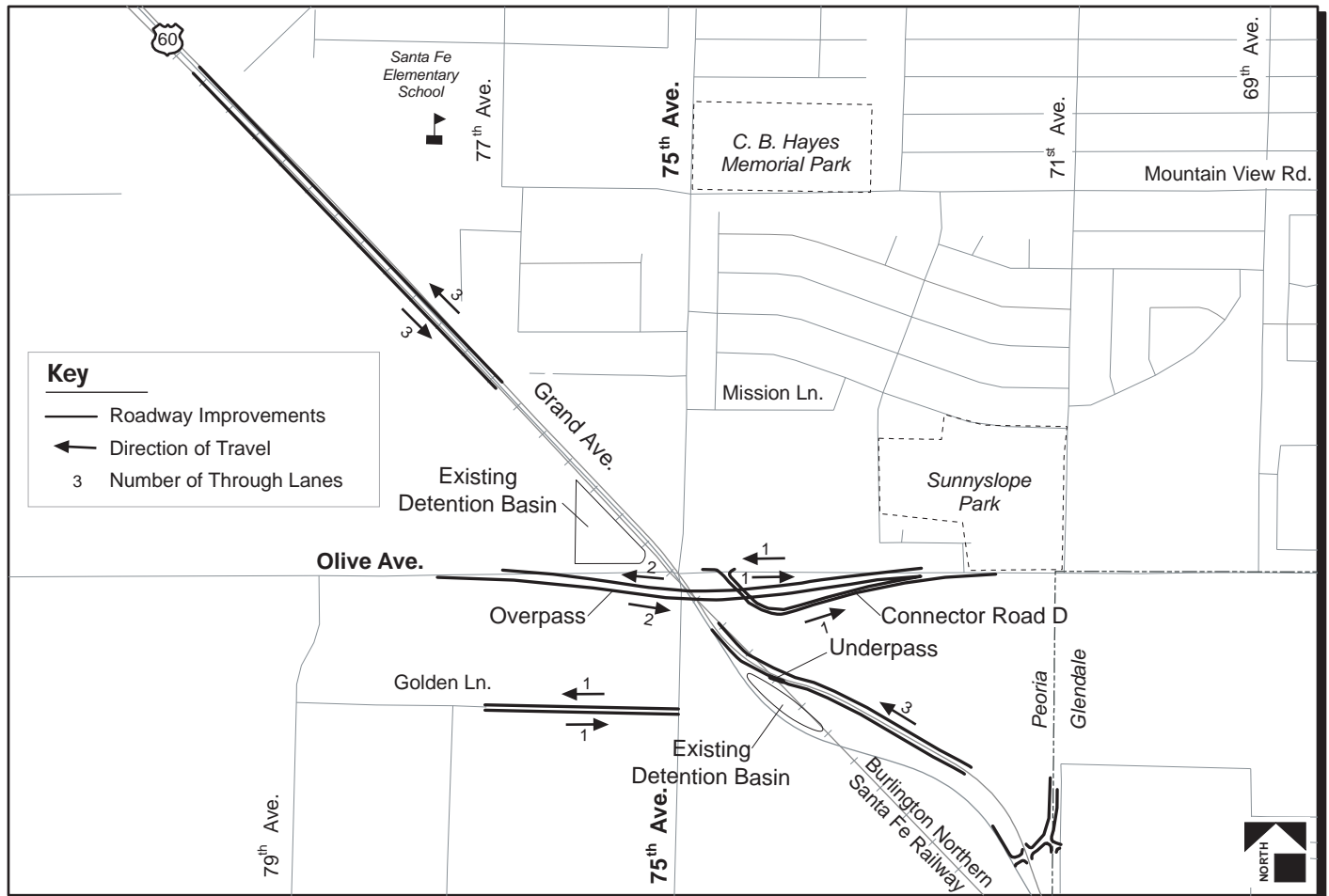


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Preferred Alternative



Project Team

ADOT and consultant representatives are available tonight to discuss the project and answer your questions. Trent Kelso is ADOT's Project Manager from Valley Project Management and Larry Lindner is the Environmental Planner from ADOT's Environmental Planning Group.

Assisting ADOT with the engineering effort is AZTEC Engineering, with Scott McKenzie serving as their Project Manager. Linda Simone Grafil and Michael Shirley, with Logan Simpson Design Inc., are responsible for the EA. Representatives from the Project Team are wearing name tags so that you can easily recognize them.

Your Input

The primary objective of tonight's hearing is to obtain your input on the findings of the EA and the preferred roadway design. Please take the time to put your comments in writing on the Comment Sheet or provide your comments to the court reporter. You may leave your comments tonight or send your comments by September 25, 2002, to:

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